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THE Ineſtimable value of Truth which undeniably claimes God the Father to be the Authour, Jeſus Chriſt the Purchaſer, and the Holy Spirit of God the revealer of it, the zealous practices of the faithful witneſſes of Jeſus Chriſt in former Ages oppoſing errours by their valiant ſealing to the Truth with their blood, the pain-

full preaching, pious practices, and learned writings of our late Faithful Ministers now with God: as Mr. *Egerton*, Mr. *Stock*, Mr. *Randal*, Doctor *Sibs*, Dr. *Preston*, Dr. *Taylor*, Dr. *Stoughton*, Mr. *Elton*, with many others, together with our present vigilant Spirituall watchmen in the Province of *London*, hououred in being the first which Brake the Ice in their zealous contention for truth against errour when it was highest, themselves (we hope) at lowest; Together with the Faithfull Ministers of Jesus Christ in the Counties of *Warwick*, *Glouster*, and that heart warming Harmonious Consent of the Ministers of the County of *Lancaster*; And, the serious consideration of the most observable acts of Gods grace to this City, as well of old, as of later dayes; our late afflictions, dishonours, and reproaches cast upon us for our neutrality, lukewarmnesse, Formality, the cloud of blood still hanging over our heads, the sparkles of Gods wrath scattered amongst us, the fearfull Frowns of our justly angry God against us, manifested in severall symptomes: Lastly, that we in our places might contribute something wherein we might the more firmly ingage our selves to the truth, incourage the truly godly, recover some which are mis-led, strengthen them who are ready to fall, fill the faces of Hereticks, prophane persons, lukewarm Politicians with shame (that so they might seeke the Face of God in Jesus Christ) advance Covenanted Reformation; And, which is not the least, our consciousnesse of Christian duty lying upon us, being as fire in our bowels, so that wee can no

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longer forbear, leſt God ſpew us out of his mouth, and wee be a reproach to the Goſpel; The deepe and due conſideration of theſe and many other ſuch like weighty incitations do moſt ſeriouſly put us upon this work to imitate our Faithful Paſtors in contending for Truth againſt Errour; for piety againſt prophaneneſſe, and for our Solemn League and Covenant againſt all oppoſers in theſe few enſuing particulars.

1 We teſtifie to all the world, That it is the earneſt deſires of our ſoules that the humble advice of the Aſſembly of Divines by Authority of Parliament ſitting at *Weſtminſter*, concerning the Confeſſion of Faith, abundantly ſatisfactory to us, for its purity, ſolidity, & conformity to the holy Scriptures, the two Catechiſmes both the larger and leſſer may be eſtabliſhed among us by Civill ſanction, with the Church-Government.

2 Wee do hereby alſo declare againſt all thoſe unſound Opinions, Errours, Hereſies, and Blaſphemies, already enumerated by our godly paſtors in their Teſtimony: As alſo ſome others ſince publiſhed, (a) *viz. That while we are weak wee know not the love of the Father to us; But think that Jeſus Chriſt doth procure the love of the Father; when as Jeſus Chriſt doth but manifeſt and declare the love of the Father.* (b) Another, *That Chriſt is not borne of the bloud of Adam, but from heaven.* All which Tenets wee look upon as contrary to the Analogie of Faith, and patern of ſound words; and therefore with the Miniſters that are gone before us, We do teſtifie and declare our utter diſlike of Anabaptiſme,

(a) A Teſtimony of an approaching glory, *per Joſhua Sprig*, Pag. 65.

(b) The life of Chriſt Printed 1648. p. 2.

Brownisme, Erastianisme, Independencie, and Prelacie: so also our soules abhorrencie and vehement detestation of Antiscripturism, Socinianism, Arminianism, Arrianism, Antinomianism, popery, and Antitrinitarianisme, with many others.

3 Wee desire to expresse our hearty sorrow for, and detestation of all those graceless courses, and ungodly practices of these Apostatizing times, as prophane swearing, drunkennesse, Sabbath-breaking, oppression, which are God-provoking, and Kingdom-destroying abominations, not to be named amongst Christians: All that opposition to Reformation, hypocriticall pursuing of false interests under specious pretences of publique good, all which are against piety towards God, Iustice, Righteousnesse and Sobriety towards men, laying us naked to Divine vengeance, and rendering us a people fitted for destruction, therefore we desire to be sensible of these provocations, and to stir up our selves, and all the godly in this Kingdom to disclaim against them, and endeavour in their and our places to reform them according to our Covenant.

4 Our dislike shall wee say? Thats too little, nay rather our detestation of that wicked design of the Sectarian prophane party, who endeavour to extirpate and expell from amongst us, our learned, godly, and conscientious Ministers, declaiming against their persons by uncivill scoffes, and against their calling as Antichristian, and by detaining not only a plentifull, but even a competent maintenance, under pretence of unlawfulnesse of tythes, which makes us invocate the Lord, that they may never

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never have power to accompliſh this execrable deſign, nor wee have cauſe ſadly to ſigh, and ſay, our Teachers are removed into corners.

5 We declare our hearty deſires, That the Government of Jeſus Chriſt (according to our Covenant, and the advice of the Aſſembly of Divines) may be eſtabliſted amongſt us, a taſte wherof in that little part of it which is ſet up amongſt us, we look not upon as Arbitrary and Tyrannicall, yea to have it compleated would be our Glory and Crown of rejoycing; utterly diſliking the oppoſition it meets withall: And, oh that wee knew what to do for the ſuppreſſing that oppoſition by looſe and prophane perſons on the one hand, and on the other by ſuch as ſeparate, and highly contend for that Great *Diana*, the *Compendium* of all miſchiefs concentred in that one word *TOLERATION.*

6 Laſtly, but not leaſt of all, as for the Covenant, our Solemn League and Covenant, as we heartily rejoyce that we took it, that it was commended to the Kingdom by the Parliament, and taken by ſo many in both Kingdoms with their hands lifted up to Heaven, ſo alſo we deſire to be affli&ted in our ſouls with ſhame & ſorrow for the violation of it, either by our ſelves or others, but moſt of all for that ſtupendious wickedneſſe and matchleſſe impiety in villifying and contemning that Sacred Oath, even by too too many that entred into it and covenanted with us; doubtleſſe that faithfull God who keepeth Covenant with us, will avenge the quarrell of this Covenant broken by us, unleſſe

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prevented by Repentance and Reformation: And as wee looke upon it as a duty belonging to all to take it, and therefore blame the non-taking of it by any; so we declare our utter dislike of the slighters and contemners of it, and earnestly desire the taking of it by all, be not only commended, but commanded by Authority.

As for our selves, it is our desire, and shall be our constant endeavours in the strength of Jesus Christ maugre all malice and opposition whatsoever, to keep it, and to pursue all the ends contained in it, in the plain, literall, grammaticall sense of it, in the which we then took it, abominating all other glosses upon it, and do with the Ministers of *London*, and elsewhere, declare that we believe in our consciences, no power on earth whatsoever can absolve us from the bond of that Covenant.

In Testimony whereof, as in the presence of the Lord, in the integrety of our hearts we hereunto subscribe our names.

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